
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2023
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5471](#)

BY Boylan, Carson, Ajello, Spears, McGaw, Speakman, Kislak, Knight, McEntee, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC1265/1} (Bans state purchases of plastic bottles, bags and polystyrene. It would also require state funds to be used to lease or purchase alternative fueled vehicles and renewable energy efficient technologies for use on state property.)
02/08/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance
05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5525](#)

BY Sanchez, Potter, Morales, Giraldo, Messier, Cardillo, Perez, Speakman, McNamara, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND {LC908/1} (Provide initiatives by a program formulated by the Governor's Workforce Board for Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to encourages applicants for bus drivers.)
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance
05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [5527](#)

BY Morales

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES OF DECARBONIZING RHODE ISLAND BY 2030 {LC607/1}
02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance
05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5618](#)

(Rhode Island Public Transit Authority)

BY O'Brien, McEntee, Dawson, Shanley, Costantino, Corvese, Baginski, Phillips, Craven, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX {LC1404/1} (Provides that seventy-nine percent (79%) of one cent (\$0.0079) of the gas tax be directly transferred to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority for the Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program.)
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance
05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5621](#)

BY Dawson, O'Brien, Finkelman, McEntee, Casey, Phillips, Kazarian, Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIDESHARE
VEHICLE SURCHARGE {LC1895/1} (Implements a \$0.75 surcharge on fares charged by
rideshare companies and also requires that the surcharges be deposited in a restricted account to be
used for street improvements in the municipality where the fare originated.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5622](#)

BY Felix, Morales, Alzate, J. Lombardi, Diaz, Batista, Cruz, Sanchez, Henries, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE
ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC1044/1} (Prohibits the Rhode Island Public
Transit Authority (RIPTA) from imposing any fares and/or charges for service provided to the
general public.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5623](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Carson, Tanzi, Handy, Kislak, Donovan, Speakman, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- HOME
HEATING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT {LC590/1} (Creates the Home
Heating Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act which program provides a mechanism and
funding for gas companies to transition from providing gas heat to non-emitting renewable thermal
energy for home heating consumers.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5630](#)

BY P. Morgan, Fenton-Fung, Rea, Nardone, Roberts, Azzinaro, Lima, Perez, Messier, J. Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION
TAX {LC1485/1} (Eliminates the gross earnings tax for every corporation whose principal business
is manufacturing, selling, distributing and/or transmitting currents of electricity and natural gas to
be used for light, heat, or motive power.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6001](#)

(RIPTA)

BY O'Brien, Kazarian, Casimiro, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Serpa, Bennett, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE
ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC2390/1} (Authorizes the Rhode Island Public
Transit Authority to enter into certain projects and procure related services including the Dorrance
Street transit center, using design build contracting and progressive design build contracting.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [6020](#)

BY Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Handy, Fogarty, Spears, Potter, Kislak

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF STATEWIDE PLANNING (RIDSP) TO FUND THE STATEWIDE BICYCLE MOBILITY PLAN (BMP) {LC2162/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$25,000,000 to the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning to fund the Bicycle Mobility Plan.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [6022](#)

BY Tanzi, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend, Handy, Knight, Fogarty, Potter

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$275,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DEM) TO PURCHASE COUNTERS, AND MAINTAIN, COLLECT, AND ANALYZE YEAR-ROUND DATA ON BIKE PATH USAGE THROUGHOUT THE STATE {LC2220/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$275,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to purchase counters, and maintain, collect and analyze year-round data on bike path usage throughout the State.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6105](#)

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Tanzi, Boylan, Handy, Spears, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE CHANGE AND OCEAN PROTECTION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT {LC1727/1}

(Appropriates five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per fiscal year to invest in a climate change and ocean protection workforce development grant program.)

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6106](#)

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Tanzi, Boylan, Handy, Spears, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE CHANGE AND OCEAN PROTECTION EDUCATION PROGRAM ACT {LC1729/1}

(Appropriates five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per fiscal year to invest in climate change and ocean protection education to enhance literacy of these issues for Rhode Island's youth and include a grant program.)

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6107](#)

BY Cotter, Casimiro, Carson, Donovan, Boylan, Cruz, Speakman, Kazarian, Spears, Stewart
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY
SYSTEM TAX CREDIT {LC2051/1} (Allows a taxpayer to donate residential renewable energy
system tax credits to nonprofit organizations and subtract the corresponding amount of credits from
federal adjusted gross income.)

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6258](#)

BY McEntee, Cotter, Spears, Craven, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Noret, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL
TAX {LC2760/1} (Amends the distribution of proceeds of motor fuel tax to raise amount from
\$0.0975 to ten cents in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter with the additional one-quarter cent to be
used as state match for the section 5311 formula grants for rural areas program.)

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6259](#)

BY McEntee, Cotter, Spears, Craven, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Noret, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE
ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC2759/1} (Requires RIPTA to review existing
routes in rural communities to identify gaps in service, authorize paratransit vouchers, establish a
one-year pilot program to study expanding services and provide vouchers to those with disabilities
in those areas.)

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6293](#)

(RI Infrastructure Bank)

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Ajello, Handy, Tanzi, Knight, Bennett, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF
UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC2706/1} (Amends the utility base rate statute to make clean
transportation, clean heating, and energy storage.)

04/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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